

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation
<b>Program Title:</b>	Strengthen Civil Society
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	963-003
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$500,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$500,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2005
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2007

**Summary:** The objective of this program is to enhance the ability of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), both U.S. private voluntary organizations (PVOs) and other nonprofit organizations, to attract development investment funding, from USAID, other donors, the private sector, local governments, and other sources, for development activities. By diversifying their funding sources, NGOs lessen their dependence on any one funding entity and thereby potentially increase their chances of financial sustainability. While USAID encourages the formation of new partnerships with, between and among American and local organizations, these organizations often need help in understanding and navigating opportunities to find the most appropriate match of their skills and interests to those of funding entities. In addition, many organizations may be well-intentioned but in need of internal organizational improvement so that they can assure their funding sources that they are high quality, effective and accountable partners. USAID will provide very modest training and information services only and will not directly fund any organizational strengthening grants under this objective.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

**FY 2005 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$500,000 DA): USAID will offer training courses (half to full day only) to PVOs and other U.S. NGOs on topics such as strategic and funding priorities and procurement procedures so that potential PVO/NGO partners can better understand how to present their interests in ways that donors can perceive the match of U.S. NGO skills and abilities with investment priorities and available funding. In addition, USAID will work with other offices and missions throughout the Agency to make available Web-based information that is more user-friendly and accessible to potential partners. In addition, there is a growing number of U.S. and overseas organizations addressing the issue of organizational standards (i.e., established and recognized principles and practices which can be measured and documented) and offering accreditation or certification that NGOs meet specific standards to a sufficient degree to merit some recognition of achievement. USAID will provide information, in terms of Web links, handouts and responses to questions, on these standards to organizations and encourage potential NGO partners to participate in one of these external standards programs as part of ongoing organizational self-improvement efforts. USAID will not fund organizational self-improvement of potential new NGO partners. The intent of this activity is to encourage potential NGO partners to address programmatic and management improvements independently as a way of enhancing their attractiveness as high quality funding recipients to donors in general. Partners: TBD.

**FY 2006 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$500,000 DA): Depending upon demand, USAID will continue to offer training courses on topics of particular interest to potential NGO partners. The focus will continue to be on helping potential partners to better understand how USAID and other donors work and what they expect of grant partners so that NGOs can better prepare proposals based on needs and expectations. USAID will also continue to improve and expand Web-based information that is user-friendly and accessible to potential partners. Information will continue to include organizations addressing NGO standards and certification. Partners are to be determined.

**Performance and Results:** Because this strategic objective will be initiated this year (2005), there are no results to report to date. By the end of this objective, the Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation (PVC) expects to have in place a program by which NGOs, both U.S. and indigenous, can better attract development investment funding, from USAID, other donors, the private sector, and other sources, for

development activities. This program will include information on where NGOs can seek training and other assistance to improve their internal management operations as well as on how they can better coordinate their skills and interests with those of donors such as USAID.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

### Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation

963-003 Strengthen Civil Society	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	500
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	500
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	500
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	1,000